GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:117
ANSWERED ON:24.02.2009
IMPORT OF PULSES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and value of pulses imported during each of the last three years and the current year, country-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to encourage import of pulses to meet the domestic requirement; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI KAMAL NATH)

a)to c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 117 FOR ANSWER ON 24TH FEBRUARY 2009 REGARDING " IMPORT OF PULSES"

(a) to (c) The quantity and value of pulses imported during each of the last three years is as follows:

Import of pulses

Year	Quantity (in lakh tonnes)	Value (in Rs. crores)
2005-06	16.96	2477.13
2006-07	22.71	3891.91
2007-08	28.35	5374.94
2008-09	12.22	3095.85
(April 08-Oct. 08)		

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Country-wise details of import of pulses are given in publication, 'Monthly Statistics of Foreign Trade of India; Vol.II (Imports), Annual Number' published by Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, which is available in the Library of the Parliament.

Import of pulses is allowed freely at zero percent customs duty to meet the deficit in domestic production over the domestic demand.